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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FAHMY ON ISRAELI PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES

1. IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY FAHMY BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF ISRAELI PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES IN THE GULF OF SUEZ. THE ISRAELIS CONTINUE TO HARASS AMOCO AND OTHER EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONAIRES WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING THEM FROM CARRYING OUT THEIR PROPER EXPLORATION AND DRILLING ACTIVITIES. NOW, HE UNDERSTOOD, THE ISRAELIS HAVE MOVED A DRILLING RIG INTO AN AMOCO CONCESSION AREA. THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO STOP AMOCO FROM CONDUCTING DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN THE RAMADHAN FIELD.

2. HE JUNDERSTOOD THAT USG CONSIDERS ISRAELI ACTIONS IMPROPER UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HAS SO INDICATED TO GOI. NEVERTHELESS, THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT STOPPED. ISRAELI ACTIONS WILL ONLY MAKE FUTURE PEACE PROSPECTS MORE DIFFICULT. USG SHOULD AGAIN ACT TO STOP THE ISRAELIS FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES.

3. I TOLD HIM THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION, BUT SAY THEY DO NOT AGREE WITH IT. WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING THE MATER WITH THE ISRAELIS. FAHMY THEN ASKED FOR A COPY OF OUR LEGAL BRIEF ON THE ISRAELI ACTIVITIES. I TOLD HIM THAT, ALTHOUGH OUR POSITION IS CLEAR, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE STILL WAITING
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TO DRAW UP A FORMAL LEGAL MEMORANDUM. I RECALLED HE HAD

SOMETIME AGO PROMISED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE PERTINENT
EGYPTIAN LEGAL MEMORANDUM, BUT WE HAVE AS YET RECEIVED
NO SUCH DOCUMENT. WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING SO, HE RATHER
INDICATED THAT LEGAL ADVISOR NABIL AL-ARABY HAS NOT YET
GOTTEN AROUND TO DRAFTING SUCH A DOCUMENT. HE NEVERTHELESS
REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO SPEAK STRONGLY TO THE
ISRAELIS ON THIS MATTER. FAILURE TO DO SO, HE ARGUED,
WILL SIMPLY AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.
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